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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Timo Nils-Erik LÖVGREN et al.

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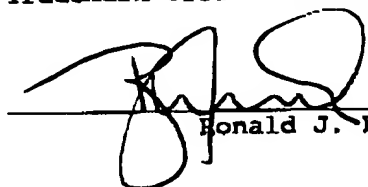
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For: BIOSPECIFIC ASSAY METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to an Action on the merits of the United States patent application identified above, please amend the application as directed below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11 as shown below:

1. (Amended Four Times) In a biospecific assay method comprising

- reacting microparticles coated with a bioaffinity reactant A which specifically binds an analyte to be assayed, a